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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM: POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF TRANSIT  
AGREEMENT--DEPARTMENT PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: USBERLIN 1689

DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH FOLLOWING  
PRESS GUIDANCE ON POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF TRANSIT AGREEMENT:

(A) OUR INITIAL INFORMATION IS THAT GDR AUTHORITIES HAVE  
TURNED BACK AT THE HELMSTEDT AUTOBAHN SEVERAL WEST GERMAN  
BUSES AND PRIVATE CARS WHOSE PASSENGERS WERE EN ROUTE TO  
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BERLIN TO PARTICIPATE IN A RALLY ON THE OCCASION OF THE

15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BERLIN WALL. WE ARE WAITING FOR A  
FULL REPORT OF THE INCIDENTS;

(B) CIVILIAN ACCESS TO BERLIN IS COVERED IN THE FIRST  
INSTANCE BY THE INNER-GERMAN TRANSIT AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER  
17, 1971. THIS AGREEMENT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE  
QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971 TO WHICH THE  
US IS A PARTY, AND IS CITED AS SUCH IN THE FINAL QUADRI-  
PARTITE PROTOCOL OF JUNE 3, 1972;

(C) WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE COMPETENT GERMAN AUTHORITIES  
ARE ATTEMPTING TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION. WE WILL BE  
CONSULTING WITH THE FRG AND WITH THE BRITISH AND FRENCH  
TO DETERMINE WHAT FURTHER STEPS MAY BE REQUIRED. ROBINSON

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